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Laval Protests Quebec Move

Blood Donor Drive Opens Monday

A Blood Donor Clinic will be held in the union from Monday October 23 to Friday November 2. Waiting can be avoided by making appointments at the following places:

Engineering Bldg on Tuesday October 23, (all day), Physical Sciences Centre on Wednesday October 24 (all day) and Thursday October 25 (a.m.), Gymnasium on Thursday October 25 (p.m.).

As in other years there will be various contests such as the Birks' Trophy, between McGill and the University of Montreal, the Bloody Mary Trophy, (interfaculty) and the Interfraternity Cup.

So let's roll up our sleeves and get behind the campaign this year. It's painless, quick, and has beneficial results.



"Every Drop Counts"

McGill SEC Delegation To Endorse Laval Attitude

FLASH — At 9 a.m. this morning the students of Laval University will march through the streets of Quebec City to the Parliament Buildings in protest against the actions of Premier Duplessis in the field of University Grants. McGill Daily reporters will leave Montreal at 5 a.m. to give students an on-the-spot report of the demonstration. The SEC group will leave Montreal tomorrow for a meeting of all the student councils of Quebec universities to see what positive action can be taken.

The students of Laval University have expressed their intention to publicly petition against the Provincial Government's latest refusal to recognize Federal grants to the Universities of Quebec.

It is the opinion of the McGill Students' Executive Council that the issue at stake is one which intimately concerns the students of McGill and therefore has made provision for a responsible contingent from McGill to be present in Quebec City. The delegates will review the issues with members of

the other Universities represented and determine what role the McGill Students' Society could play.

It is further hoped that the meeting will provide an opportunity for student officers from all the Universities of the Province to meet and draft a common platform to serve as a basis for further negotiations with the Provincial government on the student level.

Of the local schools, Sir George Williams College is sending representatives and the University of Montreal is considering doing so.

Prime Minister Says Grants Don't Depend On Acceptance By Provincial Authorities

OTTAWA, Oct. 22. (BUP) — The government's proposal for boosting university grants from \$8 million to \$16 million a year does not depend upon acceptance by Quebec, prime minister Louis St. Laurent said today.

"I hope that the Quebec universities will feel they should accept but if they don't accept now, they will still be available in the future," he told newsmen who met him at union station on his arrival from a weekend in Quebec City.

"I hope that some day they will realize there is no danger to them accepting (the grants), he said.

Mr. St. Laurent suggested during the weekend that perhaps the Quebec universities could go over premier Maurice Duplessis' head and accept the grants. Duplessis has rejected them five of the six years they have been made. His contention is that the grants constitute a Federal encroachment on the exclusively provincial preserve of education.

The prime minister's comment to reporters today was the first unequivocal statement that inau-

guration of his new proposal of grants would not depend upon Quebec approval.

The prime minister first made his new proposal in a speech Oct. 7 at Sherbrooke, Que. He said then a way had to be found for the Quebec universities to take them and he thought he had found that way.

"I shall not take it upon myself," he said at Sherbrooke, "to recommend (the increase) until we have found a way for the institutions in (Quebec) to accept their share without having to fear consequences to the autonomy of the province."

His comment today made it crystal clear that he would ask parliament at its next session to double the annual grants whether or not there was Quebec acceptance of the scheme.

The proposal he aired at Sherbrooke was to turn the money over to the national conference of Canadian universities. The NCCU, he said, would then distribute the funds, rather than the federal government.

University leaders across the country hailed the new idea with almost unreserved satisfaction. The NCCU, at a meeting here Nov. 12-14, will give the prime minister its official answer.

The prime minister was asked what he would do if the NCCU

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Debating Trials Begin Today

The Intermediate Trials for the McGill Debating Union will be held today and tomorrow. All interested students are invited to the Club Room in the Student's Union anytime between one and four o'clock.

The Topics for Tuesday are:

1) Resolved that this house would welcome a visit by Marshall Bulganin and Mr. Krushchev to the U.S.A.

2) Resolved that Plymouth Rock should have landed on the Pilgrim Fathers.

3) Resolved that capital punishment should be abolished.

Topics for Wednesday will appear in tomorrow's Daily.

The judges for the trials will include professors Dudek and Vallillee.

These trials are open to all debaters with any experience, except those in their first year of debating. Critiques will be given.

It should be noted that no one who misses these trials will be considered for intercollegiate trips this season.

Anglican Bishop To Speak Today On World Religions

Bishop Lakdasa DeMel, one of Asia's foremost Christian leaders, will speak to McGill students this afternoon at five p.m. in Moyses Hall on the subject of "Christianity and Other Religions".

The distinguished prelate, born in Ceylon and educated at Oxford where he studied philosophy, politics and economics, is spending three days in Montreal following a two months' tour of Anglican dioceses in Canada.

Having presided at interfaith conferences attended by Buddhist

monks, Hindu leaders and Christians of various denominations, Bishop DeMel feels that "there must be co-operation in all matters where it is possible without loss of principle."

At a recent meeting of the Anglican Church's Executive Council in Kingston, he predicted the

eventual union of all Christian churches.

Coming from Kurunagala, Ceylon, one of the great centres of Buddhism — only nine per cent of the population is Christian — Bishop DeMel has intimate knowledge of the revival of Buddhism in the East to-day.



Get Out and Bleed for Old McGill!

Editorial

Your Chance

There is an old saying that "Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it". The same attitude has long pervaded the political scene in this province. For a long time we have lived under the cloud of Duplessis and the Union National Party. Invoking clause 93 of the British North America Act, which makes education a provincial preserve, the Premier of the Province of Quebec has continually exercised a stranglehold upon the proper development of Universities in Quebec. McGill, especially, has become a political pawn.

Interference in the function of a university seems to be a perilous game these days. To judge from the events in Eastern Europe, Spain and Central America. We do not call for mass marches, street riots, or the burning of the Provincial Legislature.

We do call for some sort of action to express the feeling and the spirit of the students of this University. A petition is being circulated around the campus condemning M. Duplessis and calling for a Students Meeting to discuss his latest refusal to accept any form of Federal aid for universities in Quebec. Read the petition. Discuss it. If you feel that this matter affects you — and it is your university that will suffer when financial aid is lacking — then sign it, and turn up at the meeting. This is your chance to protest, your chance to act, your chance to express your feelings — in a democratic, constitutional way. Don't let this chance pass.

The Facts

1. St. Laurent in a speech at Sherbrooke, Quebec, proposes a plan for federal aid to universities via National Conference of Canadian Universities.
2. Duplessis turns thumbs down on the proposal stating that education lies under the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces.
3. St. Laurent claimed last night that provincial consent was not necessary for the universities to accept these grants.
4. Laval University, by a vote of 19-0, decided to march on the Provincial Parliament buildings at 9:30 AM Monday.
5. A petition condemning Duplessis' action is circulated on the McGill Campus.
6. Five, possibly six universities will assemble this afternoon to discuss the problem created by the Duplessis stand.

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From The Ivory Tower

To Fluoridate Or Not To Fluoridate?

RON FLEISCHMAN

The fluoridation controversy has raged for some years, yet few have bothered to be really objective about their arguments, pro and con.

My own feeling about the entire matter is that the members of the dental profession are to be commended for their zeal in proposing something which may deprive them of a source of income. However, putting kudos aside for the moment, it often proves necessary to re-examine something when there is too much zeal involved rather than caution.

Let us take the Daily article by D. Drew of the dental faculty. He is apparently unaware of the fact (at least in his article) that there is indeed a big difference between chlorinating and fluoridating. The principal difference lies in the fact that chlorine is bubbled into the water supply for purposes of sterilization; the latter is intended for purposes of medication. The former makes the water supply in effect a very dilute solution of hypochlorous acid, and the gas soon dissipates, when the water is allowed to stand or is heated.

The use of sodium-silico-fluoride presents another set of problems. Being a salt, it does not evaporate with the water, it concentrates in foods out of which water has been boiled, and is rather easy to soon get an overdose of it, owing to modern food processing methods.

Here lies the lack of objectivity: the proponents have made the observation that dental caries can be inhibited if the fluoride ion can somehow be ingested by youngsters up to the age of 12. It would be quite useless to those over this age limit. So, instead of working out a method whereby a certain quantity of the stuff could be included in special foods for children, they insist (almost to the point of fanaticism) that it MUST be added to the community water supply, thereby involving those who cannot possibly benefit from it and who in fact may even be harmed by it, due to hyperthyroid conditions etc.

I believe that the long-dead issue in which some zealots wanted to iodize water supplies was settled by putting sodium iodide in table salt for those who wanted it, and leaving it out of salt consumed by hyperthyroid cases. As for the supposed "safety" of fluoridating water supplies (especially since food processors must also make use of it), this has been questioned by scientific groups and is still the subject of bitter controversy. For instance, a magazine published a statement by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, which at the time refused to give fluoridated water to its animals: "The practical significance of this discovery is in its bearing on the public health hazard of fluorine... tolerance limits for the allowable amount of fluorine likely to be ingested by the public should be low enough to protect the hyperthyroid individual and the normal one. These compounds are enzymatic poisons. For example, (experiments) have demonstrated that the fluoride ion inhibits the enzyme bone phosphatase in young rats and thereby retards calcification of the leg bones".

The point I am trying to make, without taking sides, is that there exists much doubt as to the ultimate safety of such a procedure, and it is better to be wrong on the side of caution. The scientists are divided on this subject, meaning that there are a lot of loose ends in need of tying up. As an example, there is the pamphlet entitled "Fluoridation Facts", put out by the American Dental Association. Here is a reply to a query as to why the fluoride couldn't be added to table salt: "It is impractical to add fluoride to table salt because it is not uniformly consumed, and because the use of salt with a common fluoride content would be hazardous in view of the widely varying natural fluoride content of water supplies". Well now, as a layman, I find myself adding to this, in rebuttal: Inversely, it is impractical to add fluoride to public water supplies because it is not uniformly consumed, and because the use of water with a common fluoride content would be hazardous in view of the widely varying natural fluoride content of

FOODS (such as tea and sea foods), because the use of such treated water in canning and food processing will add to the existing fluoride concentrations, and because the consumer will add further by cooking dehydrated foods with treated water.

So there's the fly in the ointment: water as used in commercial food processing, unless we're going to be asked to build special non-fluoride reservoirs for the canning companies.

At McGill's "Open House", a few psychological tests were conducted involving the taste of fluoridated water, and some signatures were obtained on a petition in favor of the measure.

I doubt that this was fair, because the taste of the water was never the original issue, and because the general public cannot be expected to pass judgment on something they know nothing about.

All of which brings the subject back to my own stand on it.

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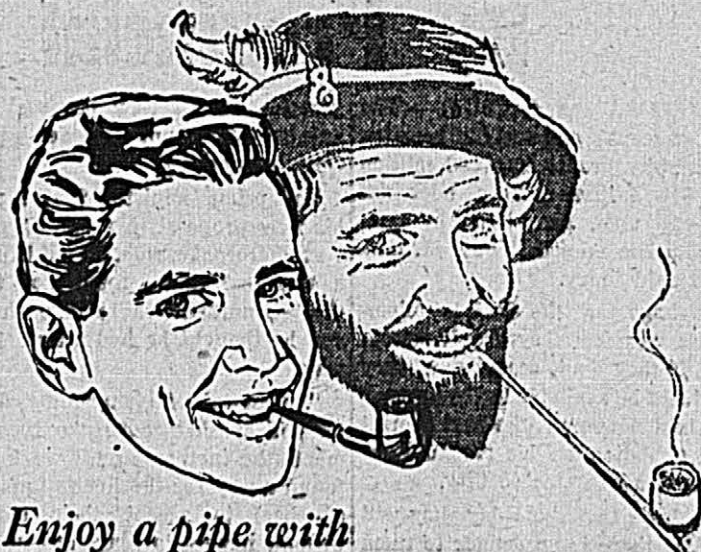
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Soccer Dolls Tie Mac

Last Thursday the girls Soccer Team played MacDonald College. The score, which incidentally, has been unchanged in the last four years, was a 0-0 tie! Another game against Mac will be played next Saturday on the lower Campus from 12 to 1 P.M. We hope you win this time, girls! Saturday, October 20, the McGill girls played hostesses to Johnson's College on the Lower Campus. Unfortunately, Barbara Cope one of the best players, was unable to play which could easily be one cause of McGill's defeat, 3-0.

WATER SHOW

Those girls who were successful in the first tryouts for the Water Show which were held in the Pool, Thursday evening October 18th, will find their names listed on the M.W.S.A.A. notice-board in R.V.C.

The routine directors will contact these girls for particulars as to their practices.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the show should contact Gerry Delrue or Claire Tucker immediately.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

There will be a synchronized swimming practice today at 8 p.m. A diving practice will be held this evening also, but at 7 p.m. Every afternoon at 5 p.m. there will be a practice for the speed swimmers.

Modern Dance Club

Practices will be held in the R.V.C. gym. at 4.00 p.m. This section of the club stresses the fundamentals of the modern dance. Membership is open to all students.

Intercollegiate Basketball

All students interested in trying out for the Senior and Intermediate basketball teams report to the west gym at 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 23rd.

Three Way Tie For First Place In Scoring

Frank Loftus of Western and Tim Reid of Toronto each scored a pair of touchdowns in last week's Intercollegiate football game between Toronto and Western to move into a three way tie for first place in the individual scoring race. Both Reid and Loftus have three majors for a total of 18 points.

Ron Stewart of Queen's was held scoreless by McGill last week, but still shares first spot on the strength of the three major scores he got in the Gaels first two contests.

Paul Dingle of McGill leads in field goals with two while Jacko Thompson of Queen's leads in converts with four. Thompson is also tied with Ross Woods of Toronto for the most singles as each has kicked three. Scoring results follow:

	Td	C	S	Fg	Pts
Loftus, Western	3	0	0	0	18
Reid, Toronto	3	0	0	0	18
Stewart, Queen's	3	0	0	0	18
Kocman, Queen's	2	0	0	0	12
Thompson, Queen's	0	4	3	0	7
Adrian, McGill	1	0	0	0	6
Gallagher, McGill	1	0	0	0	6
Dingle, McGill	0	0	0	2	6
Wilson, Toronto	1	0	0	0	6
Tatle, Toronto	1	0	0	0	6
Skrzypek, Toronto	1	0	0	0	6
Desborough, Western	1	0	0	0	6
Hircock, Queen's	1	0	0	0	6
Woods, Toronto	0	0	3	0	3
Tilley, McGill	0	0	2	0	2
Bethune, Toronto	0	2	0	0	2
Maik, Toronto	0	2	0	0	2
Anderson, McGill	0	0	1	0	1
Sandzelius, McGill	0	0	1	0	1
Casanova, Western	0	0	1	0	1

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SKI TEAM

There will be a meeting for all persons interested in trying out for the McGill Ski team. On Wednesday, October 24th at 1 p.m. in the lecture room of the gym.

RUGGER NOTICE

Will the following rugger players report to the gym tonight at 7 p.m.: Cookson, Wren, Berlyn, Sullivan, Mosher, Kaye, Pickering, Collins, Booth, Allison, Kinsey, Haly, Stuart, Khazam, Bible, Parsons.

Coed's take third Place in tough Tennis match

The Red and White Coed Tennis team finished in third spot in the Intercollegiate Tennis tournament held on Oct. 19 and 20. They trailed second place Western U. by two points and the winners, Toronto U. by four points. At the end of the first day of play, McGill lead the four other universities, but on the next day they relinquished their lead after losing some very close matches with the two top teams.

Each team consisted of a first and second singles player, and one doubles team. Toronto won all of their games except one, to win the championship for the second year in a row. Their only loss was a very closely contested match against the first singles player of Western U., in which Mary Nuns lost to Western's Dorothy Cole. Dorothy was crowned the singles' champion, winning all four of her matches.

Sheila Morris and Paula Goode formed McGill's doubles team, winning three of their four matches. They had one very close win over Western U., 6-1; 5-7; 6-3. Playing second singles for our team was Elaine Shamy, who did very well for her first year in Intercollegiate play. She won two games, against Queens and McMaster and lost two, to Toronto and Western. Lorraine Brender filled the first singles position defeated the McMaster and Queens players. A very close match was then dropped to Mary Nuns of Toronto, 6-4; 8-6. The final game of the tournament was a beautiful and exciting game to watch, as Dorothy Cole drove some powerful drives to the base lines and also exhibited excellent short and long cross court shots, matched by a fine net game and strong long strokes of Lorraine Brender; but the steadier and more accurate playing of the singles champion won the match for her Western U. Intramural Tennis

Now in the finals of the Intramural Tennis tournament, here at

INTRAMURAL SPORTS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Tuesday, October 23rd

U.F.: Steamroller vs. Mod 2b (Cronin)

Stad.: Missiles vs. Apes (Kushner)

L.C.: Scientists vs. Mod. 2a (Riddell)

Wednesday, October 24th

U.F.: Westies vs. Com. (Cronin)

Stad.: Muckers vs. Houn' Dogs (Kushner)

L.C.: Stars vs. Turtles (Riddell)

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

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reached the quarter finals in each tournament then had a redraw, thus combining the two tournaments at this point.

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How far will people go for charity or fun? Just how far some students will go towards these ends was shown in Toronto this week-end where one of the biggest college hoaxes took place.

The United Appeal Campaign at the University of Toronto was well underway when some of the members of the organizing committee decided on a novel idea to raise some more funds. They decided to hold a raffle with the prize being a date with the famous French actress, Michelle Boudet.

Miss Boudet was billed as a French Starlet who is on her way to Hollywood where she is under contract with Universal-International. Miss Boudet was quoted in the Toronto Varsity saying, "I think it is a wonderful idea. I love all students and I think we will enjoy ourselves". Miss Boudet's French

Poodle Fifi was supposed to come along as chaperone.

The price of .25 a ticket didn't deter the students from buying tickets. As a matter of fact a grand total of around two thousand tickets were sold. The winner of the raffle was to be picked at half time of the Western-Varsity game on Saturday.

The girl who had been so widely publicised in and around Toronto was real and she was French but she was no famous actress. Michelle Boudet was in reality Isabel Lafontaine, a beautiful blue eyed blonde who is a third year law student at the University of Montreal.

The hoax was the result of the conniving of both the University of Toronto and the University of Montreal. The Toronto students had written Jean Thibault, President of the Students' Society at the U

of M and the final arrangements were made when the Toronto students came in to see Miss Lafontaine on the Toronto-McGill week-end.

To the students around the U of M the name Isabel Lafontaine and her connection with such activities is nothing new. Last year she ran as candidate for the Vice-Presidency of the Students' Society. Every one knew that she wasn't serious about being elected but her speeches and campaigns had the students laughing for days on end. Students also remember her for the humour she brought to them through the Quartier Latin when

she was one of its editors. During faculty elections she organized an all woman's party and again all the students had a good time listening to her humour. One student summed up his description as "a pretty girl with plenty of guts who really likes a good joke."

Yesterday afternoon as reporters poured fourth questions and flash-bulbs popped from every angle Isabel Lafontaine sat back with her poodle Fifi and seemed to be enjoying life to the limit. Then the rest of the students all joined her to pose for the cameras, all laughing; just a small momentum to send back to Toronto.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE WEEKEND

An invitation from Cornell University has been extended to McGill to participate in their annual Fall College Exchange Weekend, scheduled for November 8-11. In attendance at the Conference will be colleges and universities from Canada and New York State. The plans for the weekend include tours of the Cornell Campus, visits to classes and discussions on world affairs, as well as a more informal banquet.

McGill University is to send three delegates to this Conference — two have already been selected. Any one who is interested in attending

this Fall College Exchange Weekend at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, is asked to obtain an application form from George in the Tuck Shop. The form must be returned, completed, to the Tuck Shop by 5:00 P.M., Thursday, October 25. The successful candidate, whose name will be announced in Friday's Daily, will then be obliged to fill out other forms, available at the Tuck Shop on Friday, November 26.

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Coming Events

Tuesday, October 23rd

RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB: General meeting at the range, 7 p.m.
HILLEL: Meet the faculty series — Speaker Dean H. Noel Fieldhouse at 1 p.m. — Study Night at 7 p.m. Both at Hillel House, 3460 Stanley Street.
DEBATING UNION: Novice training program at 1 p.m. in the Walter Stewart Room. Intermediate Debating Trials will also be held.
LIBERAL CLUB: Meeting at Union Salon at 1 p.m.
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB: Meeting at 1 p.m. for nomination of Treasurer.
CCF/SOCIAL DEMOCRATS: Meeting at 1 p.m. in Union Workshop.

Wednesday, October 24th

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION GROUP: Meeting in Lecture room of School of Architecture at 8 p.m.
SCARLET KEY SOCIETY: Important meeting in Walter M. Stewart Room at 5 p.m.
CIC: A film will be shown in room 350 Biology Building at 1 p.m. Professor Melstad of University of Pennsylvania will speak on "Heat Transfer" in the PSC auditorium at 4:30 p.m.
EASTERN ORTHODOX SOCIETY: Meeting in Union Workshop at 5 p.m.
THE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB: Tournament at Union Grill 7:30 p.m.

EUS Society Fees Raised

A motion to increase Engineering Undergraduate Society fees from two to three dollars was passed at a general meeting of the Society yesterday. The reasons for the raise were: to help some hampered clubs, to make Phi Epsilon Alpha an honorary society of Engineering rather than "an affiliated" society, to improve old and proposed new Engineering Buildings, for the maintenance of lockers, once promised by SEC, to pay for a Blue-Printing Machine, and to enlarge the Engineering Library. Student Society fees, paid by the Engineers, will thus be \$17 in future years.

The meeting had a moderate attendance of 75. Voting was over two thirds in favour of this amendment to the EUS constitution.

PRIME MINISTER...

(From page 1)

should turn down his proposal. If the NCCU does not accept, he said, then "we will have to find some other way."

"But I do not expect (NCCU) to refuse," he said.

Quebec universities have not yet said what they plan to do about the new proposal and Duplessis' blunt rejection of it last week.

HARRIER NOTICE

All students interested in running on the Harrier team contact Mr. Anderson, office 1 in the gym immediately.

Players Club To Stage Two Plays

This year the club will be putting on two one-act as a major production. This is a break from tradition but will enable more people to participate in the Club's activities. The two plays are "Waiting for Lefty" by Clifford Odets, and "The Respectful Prostitute" by Jean Paul Sartre. The production will be staged in arena on November 28, 29, 30, and December 1, in the Union Ballroom.

Casting is almost completed but Mrs. Springfield said "As always, more actors are required for the smaller parts." Production Manager Robert Bell, will outline the club's activities for the year in the Union Ballroom at 1 P.M. today. Those interested in all aspects of theatre are asked to attend.

Canadair Tour

Canadair Limited has given an invitation to the fifth year civil engineering class to make a tour of its plant. Canadair has offered free transportation and will give a free meal to those that attend. The Engineering Undergraduate Society is trying to arrange that lectures be cancelled on the day of the tour.



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